

**MINUTES CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP
NEW JERSEY**

THIS IS THE POSTPONED MARCH 17, 2020 REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP HELD VIA AUDIO-VIDEO CONFERENCING ON TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2020 FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE MEETING.

The City Clerk led all assembled in a Salute to the American Flag.

Roll Call:

Present: Councilwoman Kerry Coley, East Ward
Councilman Christopher Jackson, At-Large
Councilman Harold Johnson, Jr. West Ward Arrived at 7:55 p.m.
Councilwoman Jamie Summers-Johnson, South Ward
Councilwoman Donna K. Williams, At-Large
Councilwoman Adrienne Wooten, At-Large
Council-President Tency A. Eason

Also Present: Joyce L. Lanier, City Clerk
Chris Hartwyk, Business Administrator
Gracia R. Montilus, City Attorney
Kenneth Douglas, Fire Director
Nile Clements, Chief Financial Officer
Marty Mayes, Director of Planning/Public Works
Marlin Townes, Legislative Research Officer
Tamara Robinson, City Clerk's Office
Lisette Sanchez, Records Support Technician

The City Clerk announced that the requirement of N.J.S.A. 10:4-9 et. seq., "Sunshine Law" has been met. A notice of this meeting was published in the Star Ledger on March 20, 2020 and sent to the Record-Transcript on March 17, 2020, posted on the Bulletin Board in City Hall, the Municipal Council Website and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

December 17, 2019 Conference & Regular Meeting.

Motion to adopt by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Jackson.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Coley, Jackson, Summers-Johnson, Williams, Wooten and Eason
Nays: None.
Abstain: None.
Absent: Johnson, Jr.

Motion passed.

January 7, 2020 Conference & Regular Meeting. (Councilwoman Summers-Johnson was not present & should be abstain.)

Motion to adopt by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Jackson.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Coley, Jackson, Williams, Wooten and Eason
Nays: None.
Abstain: Summers-Johnson
Absent: Johnson, Jr.

Motion passed.

REPORTS:

DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REVENUE COLLECTION 2020:

- Department of Community Service - Month of February 2020: \$19,871.02
- Department of Planning & Economic Development - Month of February 2020: \$85,075.00

CONSTABLE REPORTS:

Richard Noisy - Month of February 2020 - church security 02/02/2020, 02/16/2020 and monthly meeting 02/23/2020.

OPRA REPORTS: The City Clerk announced that there were no OPRA reports.

COUNCIL REPORTS – The City Clerk announced that there were no Council reports.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

communications and petitions.

The City Clerk announced that there were no

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON GENERAL ISSUES/AGENDA ITEMS

PURSUANT TO SECTION 4-10 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP, EACH PERSON ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL SHALL STEP UP TO THE MICROPHONE, SHALL GIVE HIS OR HER NAME AND ADDRESS IN AN AUDIBLE TONE FOR THE RECORD, AND UNLESS FURTHER TIME IS GRANTED BY THE PRESIDING OFFICER SHALL LIMIT HIS OR HER ADDRESS TO FIVE (5) MINUTES.

THE PUBLIC IS EXPECTED TO CONDUCT THEMSELVES IN A PROPER MANNER, ANY DEROGATORY, ABUSIVE OR THREATENING STATEMENTS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED. THE CHAIR WILL IMMEDIATELY RULE SUCH CONDUCT OUT OF ORDER AND TERMINATE ANY FURTHER COMMENTS.

The City Clerk announced that there were no emailed citizen comments received at this time and will check again at the end of the meeting.

Motion to close the citizen comments by Councilwoman Williams, second by Councilwoman Wooten. The Motion was unanimously approved.

COUNCIL COMMENTS The City Clerk announced that there were no Council comments at this time..

ORDINANCES-SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

2-2020 An ordinance to amend and supplement the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 7, "Affirmative Action", to add Article III, entitled "Orange Residents' Employment Policy" to require hiring of City residents on construction projects. (Sponsored by Council Member Donna K. Williams) **(POSTPONED FROM THE 03/03/2020 REGULAR MEETING)**

The City Clerk announced that Ordinance 2-2020 will be postponed and public hearing will remain open.

5-2020 A bond ordinance amending bond ordinance number 58-2018 finally adopted on December 18, 2018, by the City Council of the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, to amend Section 5 therein.

6-2020 An ordinance of the City of Orange Township establish an Advisory Board for the Municipal Open Space Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust. (Sponsored by Council Member Donna K. Williams)

7-2020 A capital ordinance appropriating \$780,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund to pay for improvements to the Central Park Fieldhouse and upgrades to vehicles, in and by the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey.

8-2020 An ordinance amending Chapter 95 of the Code of the City of Orange Township Code entitled "Flood Damage Prevention"

Point of Order: Motion to move Ordinances 5-2020, 6-2020, 7-2020 and 8-2020 to the end of the meeting by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Jackson.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Coley, Jackson, Summers-Johnson, Williams, Wooten and Eason
Nays: None.
Abstain: None.
Absent: Johnson, Jr.

Motion passed.

ORDINANCES-INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING:

9-2020 An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled "Vehicles and Traffic", Section 200-52-1 Handicapped Parking Spaces (455 Minton Place)

Motion to adopt on First Reading by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Councilman Coley.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Coley, Jackson, Summers-Johnson, Williams, Wooten and Eason
Nays: None.
Abstain: None.
Absent: Johnson, Jr.

Motion passed.

10-2020 An ordinance to amend Chapter 26 entitled “Police Department of the City Code of the City of Orange Township”. (Sponsored by Council Member Tency A. Eason). (Council Member Tency A. Eason)

Motion to adopt on First Reading by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Councilman Coley.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Coley, Jackson, Summers-Johnson, Williams, Wooten and Eason
Nays: None.
Abstain: None.
Absent: Johnson, Jr.

Motion passed.

The City Clerk announced that the Second Reading/Public Hearing for Ordinances 9-2020 and 10-2020 is scheduled for Tuesday, April 21, 2020.

11-2020 An ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter 26, Article 1, Section 26-2, of the Code of the City of Orange Township entitled “Police Department: Organization; Personnel Limitations” to establish Police Chief Position.

12-2020 An ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter 18, Article 1, Section 18-7, of the Code of the City of Orange Township entitled “Deputy Chiefs” to establish Fire Chief Position duties.

13-2020 An ordinance to establish Article V of Chapter 152 peddling and soliciting of the City of Orange Township, New Jersey, 2020. (Sponsored by Council Member Adrienne Wooten)

14-2020 An ordinance to prohibit the use of plastic bags and regulate the use of paper bags by retail establishments within the City of Orange Township. (Sponsored by Council Member Adrienne Wooten)

Motion to postpone Ordinances 11-2020, 12-2020, 13-2020 and 14-2020 by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilwoman Wooten.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Coley, Jackson, Summers-Johnson, Williams, Wooten and Eason
Nays: Johnson, Jr.
Abstain: None.
Absent: None.

Motion passed.

RESOLUTIONS TABLED/POSTPONED FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

400-2019 A resolution granting developer designation for Skyview Capital LLC and/or its affiliated B&O Urban renewal entity as a developer within the Transit Village district east portion of the Central Orange Redevelopment Area. (Amended) (TABLED FROM THE 12/03/2019, 12/17/2019, 01/03/2020, 02/04/2020, 02/18/2020 AND 03/03/2020 REGULAR MEETINGS)

The City Clerk asked if there was a motion to lift from the table. Seeing none Resolution 400-2019 remains on the table.

40-2020 A resolution appointing Ismael Ituarte-Perez as Alternate Member No. 4 of the Zoning Board of Adjustment. (Sponsored by Council Member Donna K. Williams) (POSTPONED FROM THE 02/04/2020 & 02/18/2020 AND 3/3/2020 REGULAR MEETINGS)

Motion to postpone by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Jackson.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Jackson, Summers-Johnson, Williams, Wooten and Eason
Nays: Coley
Abstain: None.
Absent: Johnson, Jr.

Motion passed.

95-2020 A resolution authorizing the award of a non-fair and open contract with Neighborhood Planning and Architectural Design, Inc. (NPAD), 132 South Harrison Street, East Orange, New Jersey 07018 to provide professional architectural, surveying, design and construction inspection services for the Public Works Brook Alley Garage Restroom Upgrades in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00. (POSTPONED FROM THE 03/03/2020 REGULAR MEETING)

Motion to adopt by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Coley.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Coley, Jackson, Summers-Johnson, Williams, Wooten and Eason
Nays: None.
Abstain: Johnson, Jr.
Absent: None.

Motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

ALL ITEMS LISTED WITH AN ASTERISK (*) ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THESE ITEMS UNLESS A COUNCIL MEMBER SO REQUESTS, IN WHICH EVENT, THE ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE GENERAL ORDER OF BUSINESS AND CONSIDERED IN ITS NORMAL SEQUENCE OF THE AGENDA.

RESOLUTIONS NO. *115-2020 THROUGH *136-2020

- *115-2020** A resolution appointing Jacqueline Allen, as a member to the Citizen's Budget Advisory Committee for the Calendar Year 2020 Municipal Process. (Sponsored by Council Member Christopher Jackson)
- *116-2020** A resolution appointing Christina Mateo, as a member to the Citizen's Budget Advisory Committee for the Calendar Year 2020 Municipal Process. (Sponsored by Council Member Kerry J. Coley)
- *117-2020** A resolution ratifying and awarding a contract to Reliance Graphics, Inc., 80 Pompton Avenue, Verona, New Jersey 07044 to provide local printing services for the Local Municipal Election to be held on May 12, 2020, in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00.
- *118-2020** Resolution authorization the application for the Governor's Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Grant under the 2021 Municipal Alliance Grant for the Prevention and Awareness Education Programs in the City of Orange Township.
- *119-2020** A resolution to accept Essex County Census Grant Funds in the amount of \$8,250.00 for 2020 census awareness activities.
- *120-2020** A resolution authorizing the cancellation and refund of Tax Sale Certificate Number 19-00515 for Block 601, Lot 10 also known as 351 Alden Street.
- *121-2020** A resolution authorizing the tax collector to refund Corelogic for an overpayment for Block 6001, Lot 3, Qual C0016 also known as 491 Valley Street, Unit 16A in the amount of \$1,280.37.
- *122-2020** A resolution authorizing the cancellation and refund of Tax Sale Certificate Number 17-00121 on Block 3301, Lot 44 also known as 139 Central Place for the amount \$7,958.23.
- *123-2020** A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Township to enter into a voluntary cooperative pricing system with Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission (HCESC) for the purchase of goods and services.

- *124-2020** A resolution authorizing a list of appraisers/consultants to represent the City of Orange Township in regard to appraisal and valuation on real property in tax appeal matters on an as needed basis for a period of nine (9) months from April 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.
- *125-2020** A resolution authorizing a list of law firms to represent the City of Orange Township in regards to tax appeal matters on an as needed basis for a period of nine (9) months from April 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. (Amended)
- *126-2020** A resolution authorizing a list of firms to represent the City of Orange Township in regard to bond matters on an as needed basis for a period of nine (9) months from April 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.
- *127-2020** A resolution authorizing a list of law firms to represent the City of Orange Township in regards to workers' compensation matters on an as needed basis for a period of nine (9) months from April 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. (Amended)
- *128-2020** A resolution authorizing a list of firms to represent the City of Orange Township in regards to redevelopment matters on an as needed basis for a period of nine (9) months from April 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020
- *129-2020** A resolution authorizing a list of firms to represent the City of Orange Township in regards to labor matters on an as needed basis for a period of nine (9) months from April 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. (Amended)
- *130-2020** A resolution authorizing a list of firms to represent the City of Orange Township in regards to litigations matters on an as needed basis for a period of nine (9) months from April 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. (Amended)
- *131-2020** LEFT BLANK INTENTIONALLY.
- *132-2020** A resolution ratifying and authorizing a contract with Granicus located at 408 Saint Peter Street, Suite 600, Saint Paul, MN 55102-1122 for legislative management software commencing January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$9,300.00.
- *133-2020** A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on March 17, 2020 dated March 11, 2020 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95 (Grand Total: \$3,466,056.81).

- *134-2020** A resolution celebrating Women’s History Month and honoring Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg. (Sponsored by Council Member Donna K. Williams)
- *135-2020** A resolution honoring My’chal Wilkins (Sponsored by Council Member Donna K. Williams)
- *136-2020** A resolution honoring Harvey Grimsley, Al Thompson, and Randy Daniel. (Sponsored by Council Member Donna K. Williams)

Motion to adopt Consent Agenda by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson, seconded by Councilwoman Wooten.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Coley, Jackson, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, Williams, Wooten and Eason
 Nays: None.
 Abstain: None.
 Absent: None.

Motion passed.

- *137-2020** A resolution for Emergency Temporary Appropriations #1 to the Calendar Year 2020 budget. (Amended)

Motion to adopt as amended by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilwoman Wooten.

On the Motion: Nile Clements, Chief Financial Officer gave a detailed explanation of the changes made to the resolution.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Coley, Jackson, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, Williams, Wooten and Eason
 Nays: None.
 Abstain: None.
 Absent: None.

Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS AND WALK-ON ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

The City Clerk announced that there were five (5) walk-on resolutions and read each by title into the record.

Motion to walk-on Resolutions 138-2020(WO), 139-2020(WO), 140-2020(WO), 141-2020(WO) and 142-2020(WO) by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Coley, Jackson, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, Williams, Wooten and Eason
 Nays: None.

Abstain: None
Absent: None.

Motion passed.

The City Clerk declared the time open for email citizen comments on the walk-on resolutions. No email citizen comments were received.

Motion to close citizen comments by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Coley.
The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

138-2020(WO) A resolution authorizing Remington & Vernick Engineers, 232 Kings Highway East, Haddonfield, New Jersey 08033 to provide professional engineering asbestos containing materials sampling services for City Hall in an amount not to exceed \$10,405.00.

Motion to adopt by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Coley, Jackson, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, Williams, Wooten, and Eason
Nays: None.
Abstain: None.
Absent: None.

Motion passed.

139-2020(WO) Resolution authorizing an emergency temporary appropriation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20. (COVID 19 – Emergency Expense \$150,000).

Motion to adopt by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilwoman Wooten.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Coley, Jackson, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, Williams, Wooten, and Eason
Nays: None.
Abstain: None.
Absent: None.

Motion passed.

140-2020(WO) A resolution authorizing a contract for the purchase of protective clothing and footwear in response to COVID-19 Coronavirus with Galls Uniforms, 1015 Broad Street, Newark, New Jersey 07102 under State Contract 20-FOOD-00904 until April 20, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00.

Motion to adopt by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Coley.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Coley, Jackson, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, Williams, Wooten, and Eason
Nays: None.

Abstain: None.
Absent: None.

Motion passed.

141-2020(WO) A resolution authorizing an extension of the contract with SHI International Corporation and Swiftreath Networks Inc., 14 Industrial Avenue, Mahwah, New Jersey 07430, State Contract 89851 to provide Reverse 9-1-1 public safety communications technology and other communication and notification platforms to the residents of the City of Orange Township for the period of January 16, 2020 through June 1, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$5,947.50.

Motion to adopt by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Coley, Jackson, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, Williams, Wooten, and Eason
Nays: None.
Abstain: None.
Absent: None.

Motion passed.

142-2020(WO) A resolution for transfer of appropriation reserves (\$20,000).

Motion to adopt by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilwoman Wooten.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Coley, Jackson, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, Williams, Wooten, and Eason
Nays: None.
Abstain: None.
Absent: None.

Motion passed.

ORDINANCES—SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

5-2020 A bond ordinance amending bond ordinance number 58-2018 finally adopted on December 18, 2018, by the City Council of the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, to amend Section 5 therein.

The City Clerk declared the time open for the public hearing for Ordinance 5-2020:

Mr. Jeffrey Feld called in expressed his concerns and comments.

Motion to close the public hearing by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Jackson. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Motion to adopt on Second Reading by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Coley, Jackson, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, Wooten, Williams and Eason.
Nays: None.
Abstain: None.
Absent: None.

Motion passed.

6-2020 An ordinance of the City of Orange Township establish an Advisory Board for the Municipal Open Space Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust. (Sponsored by Council Member Donna K. Williams)

The City Clerk declared the time open for the public hearing for Ordinance 6-2020. No calls nor emailed citizen comments were received.

Motion to close the public hearing by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Jackson. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Motion to adopt on Second Reading by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Jackson.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Coley, Jackson, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, Wooten, Williams and Eason.
Nays: None.
Abstain: None.
Absent: None.

Motion passed.

7-2020 A capital ordinance appropriating \$780,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund to pay for improvements to the Central Park Fieldhouse and upgrades to vehicles, in and by the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey.

The City Clerk declared the time open for the public hearing for Ordinance 7-2020.

Mr. William Hathaway called in and expressed his concerns and comments.

Motion to close the public hearing by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Jackson. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Motion to adopt on Second Reading by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Coley.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Coley, Jackson, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, Wooten, Williams and Eason.
Nays: None.
Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion passed.

8-2020 An ordinance amending Chapter 95 of the Code of the City of Orange Township Code entitled "Flood Damage Prevention"

The City Clerk declared the time open for the public hearing for Ordinance 8-2020. No calls nor emailed citizen comments were received.

Motion to close the public hearing by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Jackson. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Motion to adopt on Second Reading by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Councilman Coley.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Coley, Jackson, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, Wooten, Williams and Eason.
Nays: None.
Abstain: None.
Absent: None.

Motion passed.

EMAILED CITIZEN COMMENTS ON GENERAL ISSUES/AGENDA ITEMS

The City Clerk read into the record the emailed citizen comments received by the following citizens:

- 1) Jeffrey Feld;
- 2) Tom Boran;
- 3) Stacey Gibbs;
- 4) Aaliyah Simmons;
- 5) Mike Epps;
- 6) William Hathaway; and
- 7) Janice Morrell.

Motion to adjourn by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson, seconded by Councilman Jackson.


The Motion was unanimously approved.

Regular Meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

The next City Council Conference and Regular Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at City Hall, 29 North Day Street, in the Council Chamber at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVED:


Joyce D. Lanier
City Clerk


Tency A. Eason
Council President